# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF DRUGS AND ARMS
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a)Whether Delhi has become an important transit point with people of West African origin making it the Centre of the Drug transportation network ;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The measures the Government proposes to check such activities ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)&(b) : As per the Narcotics Control Bureau, intelligence reports received and seizures made indicate that Delhi along with Mumbai is a transit point for trafficking of narcotic drugs within and out of the country. This is, however, not a new phenomenon as trafficking patterns have not shown any major variation in the past two-three years. Intelligence reports received also indicate involvement of some West African nationals in the trafficking of heroin and in some cases that of cocaine.

(c) : The steps taken to check, detect and prevent illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances are indicated below:

(i) strict surveillance and enforcement at import and export points, land borders, airports, foreign post offices, railways stations etc;

(ii) intensive preventive and interdiction efforts along known drug routes;

(iii) improved coordination between various drug law enforcement agencies in order to impart greater cohesion to interdiction;

(iv) strengthening of international liaison to improve the collection, analysis and dissemination of operational intelligence;

(v) increased international co-operation for exchange of information and investigative assistance in administering control over the movement of precursor chemicals;

(vi) building of an electronic data base of offenders;

(vii) conducting training programmes for law enforcement officials for upgrading their skills to combat drug trafficking;

(viii) implementing a scheme of monetary rewards for information leading to seizures of Narcotics drugs to informants and officers;

(ix) financial assistances being provided to eligible States for strengthening their narcotic units;

(x) keeping close surveillance on the activities of known criminals dealing in narcotics drugs;

(xi) conducting raid on the hideout of persons suspected to be indulging in such activities; and

(xii) keeping regular watch on addict to teach those persons indulging in the sale of narcotics drugs ;.